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Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Bill and Bev Farnsworth on their Silver Wedding Anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing them many more years of happiness.

BAY MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY: A VITAL PARTNER FOR VITAL SERVICES

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, there are many organizations that make a huge difference in our lives, and their successes are made possible by their support mechanisms. Bay Medical Center in my Congressional District provides outstanding health care to my constituents, and its ability to provide this wonderful care is a direct result of the activities of the Bay Medical Center Auxiliary.

Since 1973, the members of the Auxiliary have consistently acted as ambassadors for the hospital. Their good will and confidence has been a key factor in the many successful fund-raising campaigns over the years. In fact, the Bay Medical Center Auxiliary has provided nearly one million dollars to the Health System since 1990 through Gift Shop profits, proceeds from the annual Charity Ball, and other fund-raising activities.

Proceeds provided by the Auxiliary have been used for many essential activities. Courtesy vans have been provided for patients convenience. Infant and adult ventilators, the first electric birthing bed-chair, state of the art mammography equipment, an advance life support ambulance, Life-Pac resuscitation equipment, fetal monitors, and cardiac rehabilitation equipment are only some of the medical devices provided by the Auxiliary's efforts that help maintain an outstanding quality of care. A number of facilities, including the women's resource library, waiting lounges in ICU and surgery, and the main campus lobby have all been improved by the Auxiliary. Work on behalf of open heart programs, including support of surgery and the heart-lung bypass machine, has made a life-saving difference to many patients.

There are 213 members of the Bay Medical Center Auxiliary. They come from all walks of life, and work throughout the year. Many members have had personal exposure to the services of Bay medical Center, and have joined the Auxiliary as their way of saying thanks for vital services. Each member appreciates the importance of the Center, and knows that it takes a network of caring people to provide quality health care. Each and every member wants to be a part of that network.

Mr. Speaker, as we look for champions around the nation, it is most fitting that we recognize the members of the Bay Medical Center Auxiliary as champions for their community. I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in congratulating President Lucy Horak and Past President Linda Grube, along with all of the other most valuable members of the Bay Medical Center Auxiliary, on their success, and in wishing them many more productive years to come.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REPORT FROM SHELBY COUNTY

HON. DAVID M. MCINTOSH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give my "Report from Indiana" where I honor distinguished Hoosiers whom are actively engaged in their communities helping others.

Mr. Speaker, it has always been my strong belief that individuals and communities can do a better job of caring for those who need help in our society than the federal government. The wonderfully kind and committed Hoosiers whom I have met traveling around Indiana have not changed my view.

Ruthie and I have met hundreds of individuals who are committed to making our communities a better place in which to live and raise our children—we call them "Hoosier Heroes".

I recognized this genuine Hoosier Hero in Shelby County at a Lincoln Day dinner speech. He's Assistant Police Chief Bill Dwenger. His devotion to his community has been unfailing and why Bill epitomizes a "Hoosier Hero".

While serving as a detective, Bill pursued primarily on his own time the Shirley Sturgill murder case that had been hanging over Shelbyville for seven years. Due to his perseverance, the murderer was caught, tried, and convicted to a life term. His hard work allowed his neighbors to breathe a little easier knowing that their community was safe.

Bill also serves on the Board of Community Corrections as well as the Shelby County Youth Shelter which provides a safe haven for abused kids. Bill doesn't help children for the pay, which is zilch, he does it for the smiles and laughter. Bill's work has given so many people the most precious gift possible, hope and peace of mind. You are a true hero in my book doing good work for others with no other motive than Christian charity.

Bill Dwenger deserves the gratitude of the county, state, and nation, and I thank him here today on the floor of the House of Representatives.

HELP GIVE PEACE TO THE FAMILY OF ZACHARY BAUMEL—SUPPORT H.R. 1175

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, on June 11, 1982, Zachary Baumel, an American citizen serving in the Israeli army, was captured along with four other members of his tank battalion in a battle with Palestinian and Syrian forces near the Lebanese town of Sultan Yaqub. While two of the captured soldiers were later released, Baumel and two other MIAs remain unaccounted for, despite evidence that they were probably captured alive. Like any parents living through the nightmare of a missing child, Zachary's parents, Yona and Miriam Baumel, have been unrelenting in the search for their son.

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The Baumels have met with officials around the world to follow up on leads provided by various individuals claiming to know of Zachary's whereabouts. Unfortunately, they have yet to reach any sort of closure. While I sincerely hope that their personal search reunites them with Zachary, I believe that the U.S. government should make every effort to determine Zachary's fate and help bring peace to the Baumel family. H.R. 1175, which would require the State Department to step up efforts in locating and securing the return of Zachary Baumel, as well as other Israeli soldiers missing in action, is a step in that direction. I have cosponsored this important legislation, and I urge my colleagues to support me in this effort.

PAMELA CRUZ RECEIVES THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT AWARD

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to your attention a young woman in our community, Pamela Cruz, who has been named one of New Mexico's top youth volunteers for 1999 in The Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Pamela's volunteer efforts truly reflect the spirit of community. She visits a local nursing home twice a week to arrange entertaining activities for the residents. Pamela recognizes that the residents have contributed to our community and should not be forgotten. By showing affection and being consistent with her visits, she has gained the trust of the nursing home residents. Further, Pamela has recruited other young people in Albuquerque to volunteer at the nursing home. She is a wonderful example of reaching out to others to make our entire community a better place to live.

Pamela is definitely one of America's top youth volunteers. Join me in thanking Pamela Cruz for her contributions to old and young alike in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

IN HONORING OF THE LATE MICHAEL MCGARVEY

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a humanitarian, a true leader, and my personal mentor, Michael McGarvey, Jr., a veteran Long Island scout master and postman who passed away at the age of 80.

The first time I met Michael, I was impressed and impacted by his manner. He was such a gentle and instructive person, especially for me as a young kid attending Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) lessons at the Immaculate Conception hall in Westhampton Beach.

In our community he was known as the grandfather of scouting. Michael was an adult